

New Starting and Ending Times for Retreats!

Retreat Registration Form - 2012

Full Registration Deposit Only + Private Room

2012—Note new Retreat Times for 2012

Grandma, Mom, & Daughter's Retreat*	February 10-12, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00
<i>*AGE (Please Check one) 7-13 <input type="checkbox"/> FREE</i>	<i>14-16 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50</i>	<i>17+ <input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00</i>	<i><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50</i>	<i><input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00</i>
Marriage Retreat (registration is per couple)	February 17-19, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$137.50	<input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00
Healing the Physical Body Retreat	February 24-26, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00
Resurrection of the Self Image Retreat	March 9-11, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00
Diffusing Your Anger Retreat	March 23-25, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/> + \$125.00

TO REGISTER: You can register by sending in this form and deposit to: *AFM, PO Box 1707, Shallowater, Texas 79363-1707.* Please make checks payable to AFM.

The Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy is a non-profit, tax-exempt Christian organization. **The cost of this retreat includes a bunk bed (dorm), meals, snacks, and retreat materials.** Deposit is refundable up to seven days prior to the retreat.

Please bring your own towels, sheets and pillowcase. We'll supply your pillow and blankets.

Also please bring your Bible, comfortable clothes, and toiletries. **Check-in for 2012 retreats starts at 5:30 p.m. on the day the retreat begins. Unless otherwise stated, 2012 retreats start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end Sunday at 1 p.m.**

THE MEN'S RETREATS will start Friday @ noon and end Saturday @10 p.m.! Check-in starts @ 10a.m. Friday.

Flying to Lubbock: please plan your arrival prior to 10 a.m. on Friday, and plan your departure on Sunday. For more information see our website at www.flameofmercy.com or call us at (806) 832-4243 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT.

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Age : 16 - 20 21-35 36-50 Over 50

Email address: _____ Handicap

Register online: www.flameofmercy.com

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EXCEPT THE MEN'S RETREATS!

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Back in 2012!

Bring a Friend to a Retreat and Save!

Don't just tell someone to come to a retreat at AFM, bring them as a show of support. When you bring a friend and they pay the full regular price of the retreat, you will receive a blessing of 50% off our retreat registration fee.

- ⇒ You both must attend the same retreat. One person must pay full registration price.
- ⇒ Only one discount deal for every one person paying full registration price.
- ⇒ Half price discount must be used for that same retreat only.
- ⇒ Not good for the Intergenerational Retreat.
- ⇒ The full registration payment cannot be combined with any other deals such as scholarships or discounts.
- ⇒ Discount is only available after full registration cost is received.



The Flame

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

A Closer Look at Love

Article by: Jessica Mendez

As February is the "month of love," the Lord has put in my heart to take a closer look at my definition of love and how it is portrayed to those around me. In order to do this the Lord had to show me some things in my heart that I did not want to see.

The more I prayed, the more the Lord revealed how truly twisted my definition of love was, especially before we moved to the ministry. Because I was never truly disciplined as a child, and usually got whatever material thing I wanted, I had a twisted concept on how I was to show love to my children. There were times that I would feel guilty when we couldn't get them the things they wanted. When I was a child the only time my grandma disciplined me was when she was in a bad mood or just fed up. I found myself disciplining my children in the same manner.

As I continued to seek the true definition of love, the Lord began to reveal the times that I have told Ralph that he didn't love me when he wouldn't let me have my way. It was clear to see that I needed a "love" make-over!

I asked the Lord to show me how to love according to His will, not mine. Almost immediately I felt Him prompt me to re-read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury. It does not rejoice over wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

Ouch! Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus! I realized everything the Word says love is not, I was. As I looked more closely I realized to love is to serve. To love is to go beyond our own feelings and to serve beyond our wants. To love is to serve without expecting anything in return.

Our beloved Pope Benedict XVI once said, "Charity"-agape in Greek, caritas in Latin- does not primarily mean an act or positive sentiment; rather, it means the spiritual gift, the love of God that the Holy Spirit effuses in the human heart, moving it to give [this love] to God and to neighbor." In other words, love is not just serving, it's serving because we love and that love moves us to serve. One day as I asked the Lord to give me an example of this kind of love, He showed me something remarkable!

My five year old daughter, Anastasia, had been up all night with a terrible cough. Needless to say, the next day she still felt horrible and was extremely sleepy all day long. However, when my youngest son, David, began having a fever she immediately, without hesitation, took him to lay on my bed so she could care for him. As I prepared his sippy cup with Pedialyte, I could hear her singing to him and then she said, "Don't worry, baby brother, Jesus will heal you."

As I walked in the room to give him his cup, she grabbed it from me and said, "It's okay, mom, I will give it to him." She held the cup to his mouth so that he wouldn't have to hold it, and continued caring for him by rubbing his head and singing to him. Within an hour, they both fell asleep and when they awoke, both felt better!

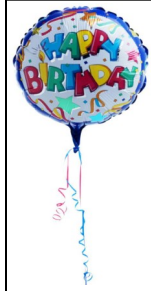
I was so grateful to the Lord for showing me, if my daughter can love and serve because she loves there was no reason for me not to do the same. What is keeping you from loving and serving because you love? Too many of us are so caught up in our own hurts, that we miss the opportunities that the Lord gives us to share His love.

In this month, so many advertisements tell us to go buy expensive gifts in order to show our loved ones that we care. Instead, take time to do an act of love by bringing yourself to a retreat so that those areas in which your heart is so wounded that you withhold your love, can be healed. In doing so, you will see how God gives you the grace to love according to His will and not according to your hurts. This month give your loved

ones the gift of a more healed, more loving you! The Blessed Mother said in the message of the sickness of the soul, "The sickness of inconvenience brings poverty." This includes poverty in friendships, love and wisdom. Do not allow the little inconveniences to impoverish you; Jesus and Mama are calling you to a greater level of holiness. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming retreats where we will be sharing the love of God the Father in order to bring the healing of God the Son and the empowerment of God the Holy Spirit, and allowing Mama to show us how.

I continue to pray that the Blessed Mother cover each of you in her mantle in order to remove the sickness of inconvenience in your lives, so that you may be blessed abundantly.





February Birthdays!
We thank God for the day you were born!
February's Birthday Drawing Winner for a free Retreat: GRETA GARCIA!

Must be at least 18 years old to win. Board members and members of their family are not eligible. The certificate is good for all retreats except the Intergenerational Healing Retreat, and would only be for 1/2 the Marriage Retreat (or payment for one person of the couple). Certificate must be used within 1 year of your birthday, and must be used by the person named on the certificate.

Happy Birthday to: JOANNA AGUIRRE, OFELIA ALVARADO, JESSE ARANDA, LORA ASMUSSEN, JOSE BAUTISTA, JR., JESSIE BENTANCOURT, MICHAEL BROWN, MONICA CARRION, LOUIS CONSTANCIO, MARIA DEL CARMEN CORTEZ, ALICE DE LOS SANTOS, DAVID FEKRI, GRETA GARCIA, CATHERINE GUTIERREZ, HOWARD HUNTZINGER, JENNY HYATT, SANDRA KEITH, LUCY MONJARAS, MARIA MONROE, LUCY MORENO, NORMA OLIVAS II, LINDY PAEZ, MARTHA PEREYRA, ANITA RODRIGUEZ, GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ, ANTHONY SALDANA, GABRIELA SOSA, RAMONA TRUJILLO, ISIDRO GAMBOA, AND BENIGNO VASQUEZ. We pray birthday blessings on all celebrating birthdays this month!



You Are Invited!

February 28, 2012 Feast of the Queen of Mercy
 All are welcome to be here and share with us when our Mother comes to give her annual message on February 28. The message usually takes place in the morning of February 28 around 10 a.m.
 Unlike past years, we will not be holding a retreat for this event, just a gathering in the morning for our Mother's message to us. Let us know if you plan on coming!

MYSTERIES OF LOVE

- ⇒ Love challenges your struggles.
- ⇒ Love reaches beyond your strengths.
- ⇒ Love fills the empty and lonely hearts.
- ⇒ Love forgives and does not see ingratitude.
- ⇒ Love receives rewards not asked for.
- ⇒ Love is the shovel that digs beyond hurt and pain.
- ⇒ Love does not fail the faithful.
- ⇒ Love commits to things not yet seen but hoped for.

Mary Constancio – Messenger



Diffusing Your Anger Retreat
March 23-25, 2012

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil.

Ephesians 4:26-27



Possible Topics Include:

- Is there a Pattern of Anger in Your Family through the Generations?
- Do You Use Anger to Control or Manipulate Others?
- Does Your Anger Control You?
- Uncovering the Root of Your Anger
- Does Your Temper Flare Easily, or are you a "Slow-Boil"?
- Is Anger Affecting Your Work (lost a job because of anger)?
- Are You and Those Around You at the Mercy of Your Temper?
- Do You Live in Guilt and Regret due to Angry Words and Actions?
- Do You Have Trouble Forgiving Those Who Use Their Anger Against You?
- What does Stubbornness Have to do with Anger?
- Is Anger Causing You Stress, Heart or Liver Problems?

"Many of you have come with hearts and souls filled with anger and disappointment. Please...put this into the center of my son's wounds so that this anger and this disappointment may be transformed into the grace and gift of love." (excerpt from a message of November 5, 2005 from our Blessed Mother)

The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person.

Upcoming Retreats

Grandma, Mom & Daughter's Women's Retreat
February 10-12, 2012



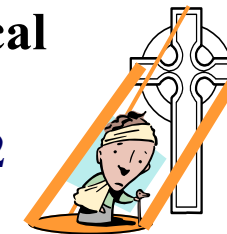
Attention: All Women, Mothers & Your Daughters, Aunts & Nieces, Grandmothers & Granddaughters!
Minimum Age 7 yrs.

"All of you mothers who bring pleasure to My Heart, the merit of your work is no less than the deeds of the priest in the highest office...To this, your responsible work, I give My special blessing."
 Message from our Lord Jesus
 Theresa Fleischman, Messenger

Teachings geared for Women Match those given the Men @ the Men's Retreats

The cost of this retreat for ages 14-16 is \$ 82.50
 Age 7-13 Free
 for Ages 17 + \$165.00 per person

Healing the Physical Body Retreat
February 24-26, 2012



Tired of being sick?
Doctors can't find what's wrong?
Tired of paying the doctor to manage your sickness?
Body won't heal?
Can't keep your healing?

Possible Topics to be covered:

- ◇ Spiritual root of physical sickness
- ◇ The brain and heart connection
- ◇ Toxic effects of Anger, Unforgiveness, etc. on the Body
- ◇ Retraining Your Brain
- ◇ Rejecting Fear of Family Illnesses, Death
- ◇ Learning to Accept & Love Yourself the Way God Made You
- ◇ Living to Your Fullest Potential for God's Purpose

The cost of this retreat is \$165.00.



THE MARRIAGE RETREAT

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012

Communication: Is your spouse getting angry when you communicate?
Intimacy: Has romance left your marriage and bitterness set in?
Forgiveness: Do you have a hard time forgiving your spouse because you think things won't change?
Prayer: Do you want to know why your prayers are not being answered?
Interference: Are people, jobs, in-laws or other things interfering in your marriage?
Children: Are your children controlling your marriage?
Ex-Spouses: Do you feel your spouse loves ex-spouse's children more than yours?

The cost of this retreat is \$275.00 per couple. A deposit of \$137.50 is needed to secure your reservation. No Walk-ins.

Resurrection of the Self-Image Retreat

March 9-11, 2012

This life-changing retreat is our most popular. God can change everything in one weekend... in one moment!



- Have you been rejected?
- Is this your third or fourth marriage and you can't figure out the problem?
- Are you having trouble letting go of your ex-spouse's abuse?
- Do you live in fear?
- Are you carrying a lot of guilt?
- Do you feel like God has let you down?
- Have you been physically, sexually or mentally abused?
- Are you called to be a leader but have fears of failing?

Bilingue

You are a unique, one-of-a-kind, masterpiece, child of the Most High Living God. Come into the fullness of what God has planned for you!

The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person